GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to import wheat from Pakistan for southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and also the rate of wheat likely to be given to Pakistan;

(c) the support price of wheat given to Indian farmers for the year 2007-08; and

(d) the reasons for not given the same support price to Indian farmers at which it is likely to cost after import?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a): No, Sir.

b): Does not arise.

c): The Minimum Support Price(MSP) for wheat for the Rabi Marketing Season(RMS) 2007-08 is Rs.750 per quintal plus a bonus of Rs.100.

d): MSP is the 'minimum support' price. It is intended to cover the costs of farmers, in cash and kind, including rent paid for leased-in land, and imputed value of wages for family labour, rent for owned land, interest on fixed capital, etc. MSP is not the market price or a price at which a farmer is obliged to sell his commodity. MSP is not intended to be the price at which it costs to import the same product.